



## KSU Equestrian Club Member Guidelines 2024-2025

We are looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions or concerns about the following please reach out through a KSU Equestrian platform or text following officers:

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### MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

Members will be classified as either **Competitive** or **Aspiring**.

The goal of aspiring members is those who are interested and committed to the team, but do not want to compete at each show. They will still travel with the team, have the same expectations, and must be willing to help out at shows. Dues will be lower as that member will have no entry fees and show attire will not be required, but the other requirements such as attending events are the same.

### DUES:

Dues can be paid all at once or across a payment plan. These will go towards show entry fees, travel expenses, team registration, facility upkeep, and overall club costs. Our dues are lower than other IHSA teams, meaning we will heavily rely on fundraising to pay the remainder of costs listed above.

Note: Along with dues, members who plan to compete must pay an individual membership fee of **\$45.00** directly to IHSA.

ONE PAYMENT:	COMPETITIVE:	ASPIRING:
<b>9/4/24</b>	<b>\$1050.00</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
TWO PAYMENTS:	COMPETITIVE:	ASPIRING:
<b>9/4/24</b>	\$600.00	\$400.00
<b>10/14/24</b>	\$500.00	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1100.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
THREE PAYMENTS:	COMPETITIVE:	ASPIRING:
<b>9/4/24</b>	\$600.00	\$400.00
<b>10/14/24</b>	\$300.00	\$200.00
<b>12/2/24</b>	\$250.00	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1150.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

If a member wishes to transfer their status from aspiring to competitive they may do so only between first and second semester. This will require an additional fee of **\$200.00** to cover second semester registration and entry costs for that rider. Rider must get permission from both Lucy and the president before making the switch.



### ATTIRE/ UNIFORM:

Proper riding attire is required for every lesson. This includes riding pants, a properly fitting helmet, tall boots, and a properly fitting shirt (no crop tops).

A KSU Equestrian sunshirt will be the only required KSU Equestrian merch for the year. This is a good example of a properly fitting shirt for riding in lessons.

A wholesale order will be placed at the beginning of the year, with the cost of each being **\$85.00** due to the club at the beginning of the year.



For **Competitive** riders only:

Show attire requirements are more strict. All attire must be properly fitting for not only appearance purposes, but also safety.

- Black Helmet
- White Show Shirt
- Tan Breeches (no full seat)
- Black or Navy Jacket
- Black Tall Boots
- Black Gloves
- Hairnet (match to your haircolor)

Previous years we have required members to buy the team's 3-in-1 Jacket for **\$165.00**. With first names embroidered on the front, this comes with an outer jacket, inner puffer, and pullover all with the KSU equestrian logo. It is no longer required, but members from previous years will have it. Please reach out to officers if you are interested in purchasing a jacket. If this jacket is not purchased it is required to have a different black jacket to cover-up and keep warm at shows. Black sweatpants are also required for shows.

Any other KSU Equestrian Merch can be bought at

<https://itsahaggertysteams.com/collections/ksu-equestrian-team>



Please reach out if you have any questions or want any help when shopping for show clothes. If this is your first time shopping for these, it is recommended to check with Lucy before the first show to ensure your attire is appropriate.

#### LESSONS/ COACHING:

Members are required to take 1 lesson per week (Monday-Thursday) at Five Star Hunters. Lesson costs are paid directly to Lucy Molinari and are separate from club dues. Lesson costs will be paid in full before the beginning of the first lesson in the package.

LESSON PACKAGES:	AMOUNT:
<b>1 Lesson</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>4 Lessons (Monthly)</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

Members must adhere to the Five Star Hunter lesson cancellation policy and can be subjected to repercussions (ex. not being able to show) for consistent violation of policy.

**Competitive** riders are also required to pay a **\$50.00** coaching fee for **each show day**.

#### NEWSLETTER:

The monthly newsletter will include upcoming deadlines, events, and any important announcements ahead of time so you are aware of mandatory events and can form your schedule around attendance. It is expected that each member reads through to know what is happening and what is expected each month.

The goal is to send these out at least a month ahead of time (ex. October Newsletter sent by September 1).

Events that we know even further ahead of time, such as show dates or football fundraisers, may have a separate announcement. The newsletter is simply a place where everything for the next month will be typed up in one spot for easy access and more information about each event.

#### FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising will continue to be a huge part of paying for the club to function. All fundraising money goes directly back to the members in forms of lesser dues, club resources, and potential funding for team activities.

Fundraising events are mandatory and if you cannot make it it will be your responsibility to reach out to an officer well before the event with why you cannot attend. Dates of these events will be sent out at least a month in advance with the newsletter, with more important ones announced ahead of the newsletter. Any members not adequately participating



With fundraising events will incur a fee to continue with the team. We will set a fundraising goal at the beginning of the year depending on members we have. Monthly updates on where we are in terms of achieving this goal will be sent out.

#### CLUB MEETINGS:

In person club meetings will be held around every two weeks. This will be a great way for everyone to see each other, be on the same page about what is happening, and ask any questions about upcoming events. Club meetings will be mandatory with the same policy as fundraising, if you cannot make it you must message an officer with why.

Pre-show meetings will be held over Zoom or a similar platform on Mondays the week of the show. In this meeting we will go over exact departure times, dinner options, and general show information.

#### EXTRA RIDE OPPORTUNITIES:

We have talked with Lucy about ways to award extra riding opportunities for those who show commitment to the club.

Every other Sunday (exact dates will be weather/ show dependent) a few members will have the opportunity to go out and hack one of the barn's horses. This will only be offered to members who regularly attend club meetings, fundraisers, weekly lessons, and team bonding events. It is a great way to get in extra riding time without paying for a lesson.

#### TEAM BONDING:

There will be a minimum of 4 team bonding events each semester. They are not required, but it is encouraged to attend every one you can! Depending on how close we are to meeting/ exceeding our fundraising goal, the club may be able to fund these events at no cost to you. Events will be announced at least a month ahead and if there is an individual payment needed it will be stated at the time of announcement.

#### WEEKLY WORKOUTS:

Members are required to attend at least 1 team workout each week to improve strength for riding. There will be multiple days/ times offered to accommodate everyone's schedule. Workout schedule will be released in August.